



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL CHRIS J. IODER

Col. Chris J. Ioder, is the Assistant Adjutant General - Air, Kansas National Guard and the Commander, Kansas Air National Guard. He serves as the chief adviser to The Adjutant General on all matters pertaining to Air National Guard programs, policies, operations, management, and command and control of the Kansas Air National Guard. He also provides staff assistance guidance and direction concerning Air National Guard personnel, administration, training, recruiting and retention incentives and budgetary matters. Col Ioder is responsible for more than 2,300 Kansas Air National Guard personnel serving in two wings and one geographically separated unit.

Colonel Ioder began his military career by enlisting in the Missouri Air National Guard as an Air Cargo Specialist in 1988. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Missouri in December 1989. He transferred to the Kansas Air National Guard in 1991 and received his commission from the Academy of Military Science in 1992. He completed Undergraduate Pilot Training in 1993, followed by KC-135 Combat Crew Training in 1994.

While assigned to the 190th Air Refueling Wing, Colonel Ioder has held various positions, to include, Commander of the 190th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and Flight Commander in the 117th Air Refueling Squadron. As a command pilot, he has flown over 4,500 flying hours, including over 80 combat sorties and over 500 hours flown in direct support of Operations Deny Flight, Deliberate Guard, Allied Force, Northern Watch, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and Unified Protector. In 2015, he was selected as Director of Operations, Headquarters Kansas Air National Guard, where he worked to enhance domestic response capabilities and future planning. In his civilian capacity, he is a commercial airline pilot with over 23 years of experience and over 19,000 flying hours.



EDUCATION

- 1989 Bachelors Business Administration in Finance/Economics, Rockhurst University, Kansas City, Mo.
- 1992 Academy of Military Science, McGhee-Tyson ANG Base, Knoxville, Tenn.
- 1993 Undergraduate Pilot Training, Reese AFB, Texas
- 1994 KC-135 Combat Crew Training, Castle AFB, Calif.
- 1994 SERE Training, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
- 2000 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2000 Instructor Pilot School, Altus AFB, Okla.
- 2004 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2012 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2013 Accelerated Aircraft Maintenance Officer Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas
- 2016 Joint Domestic Operations Course, US Northern Command, Peterson AFB, Colorado Spring, Colo., by correspondence
- 2016 Joint Staff Training Course, US Northern Command, Forbes Field ANG Base, Topeka, Kan.
- 2016 Leadership in Homeland Security, Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Mass.
- 2016 Executive JDOC, USNORTHCOM, Peterson AFB, Colorado Springs, Colo., by correspondence
- 2017 Joint Task Force Commander Training Course, USNORTHCOM, Peterson AFB, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 2017 Dual Status Commander Qualification Program, USNORTHCOM, Peterson AFB, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 2017 Commander Development Course, National Guard Bureau, ANG Readiness Center, JBA Andrews, Md.
- 2018 Homeland Protection Course, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Lincoln Laboratory, Cambridge, Mass.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1992 – May 1994, Pilot Trainee, McGhee-Tyson ANG Base, Knoxville, Tenn., Reese AFB, Texas, and Castle AFB, Calif.
2. May 1994 – June 1998, KC-135 Co-Pilot, 117th Air Refueling Squadron, Forbes Field ANG Base, Kan.
3. June 1998 – June 2002, KC-135 Aircraft Commander, 117th Air Refueling Squadron, Forbes Field ANG Base, Kan.
4. June 2002 – January 2010, KC-135 Instructor Pilot, 117th Air Refueling Squadron, Forbes Field ANG Base, Kan.
5. January 2010 – January 2013, Flight Commander, 190th Operations Support Flight, Forbes Field ANG Base, Kan.
6. January 2013 – April 2015, Commander, 190th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Forbes Field ANG Base, Kan.
7. April 2015 – 2020, Director of Operations, Kansas ANG HQ, Forbes Field ANG Base, Kan.
8. 2020 – Present, Assistant Adjutant General, Kansas Joint Force Headquarters, Kansas

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 4,500

Aircraft flown: T-41, T-37, T-1, KC-135A/E/D/R

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant July 30, 1992

First Lieutenant August 22, 1994

Captain August 22, 1996

Major February 14, 2002

Lieutenant Colonel February 14, 2009

Colonel July 27, 2015

(Current as of Mar 2020)